# Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

# **Veteran Affairs Maryland Health Care System**



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**History & Mission:** The United States has the most comprehensive system of assistance for veterans of any nation. This benefits system traces its roots back to 1636, when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony passed a law which stated that disabled soldiers would be supported by the colony. The Continental Congress of 1776 encouraged enlistments during the Revolutionary War by providing pensions for soldiers who were disabled. Direct medical and hospital care given to veterans in the early days of the Republic was provided by the individual states and communities.

The Veterans Administration was established in 1930 when Congress authorized the President to "consolidate and coordinate Government activities affecting war veterans." The three component agencies became bureaus within the Veterans Administration. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was established as a Cabinet-level position on March 15, 1989. The mission is to fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans.

The Veterans Affairs (VA) Maryland Health Care System carries out its mission at several facilities throughout the state, including the Baltimore and Perry Point VA Medical Centers, Loch Raven VA Community Living & Rehabilitation Center, and five community based outpatient clinics. Nationally recognized for its outstanding patient safety and state-of-the-art technology, the VA Maryland Health Care System is proud of its reputation as a leader in veterans' health care, research and education.

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# **Primary Maryland Facilities**

Baltimore VA Medical Center Perry Point VA Medical Center Loch Raven VA Medical Center

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#### **Baltimore VA Medical Center**

The new Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center opened in January 1993 as a pilot site for digital medical imaging. Located next to the University of Maryland Medical Center with a walkway connecting the two facilities, the medical center maintains an active affiliation with the University in the sharing of staff, resources, and technology.

Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center is the acute medical and surgical care facility for the VA Maryland Health Care System and offers a full range of inpatient, outpatient and primary care services. As one of the most modern health care facilities in the country, the medical center offers veterans state-of-the-art medical technology, clinical services and research programs. It is home to the world's first filmless radiology department, which allows health care providers to have nearly instant access to patient radiology images from anywhere in the facility and throughout the health care system. The facility is home to 2,151 of the Maryland VA Health Care System's Employees.

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## **Perry Point VA Medical Center**

The Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a leader in providing comprehensive mental health care to Maryland's veterans. The center offers long and short-term inpatient mental health care, including an inpatient alcohol and substance abuse treatment program that is unique in the Mid-Atlantic region. A new inpatient mental health care facility offers specialized treatment programs, rehabilitation services and enhanced patient privacy for veterans in a comfortable, state-of-the-art setting. The medical center also offers a full range of inpatient medical, intermediate and long-term care programs, including nursing home care, low-level rehabilitation, geriatric evaluation and management, respite care, chronic ventilator care and hospice care.

A newly renovated 50-bed domiciliary care program helps to rehabilitate homeless veterans through counseling, job assistance and home placement. The medical center is also home to a new and innovative substance abuse residential rehabilitation treatment program, which is an intensive outpatient program for veterans with drug and alcohol addictions. This location is home to 1,188 of the Maryland Health Care System's Employees.

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#### **Loch Raven VA Medical Center**

In the early 1950s, a Baltimore VA hospital was established at this site; it was moved to downtown Baltimore in January 1993. The new Baltimore Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation & Extended Care Center opened in August 1996 on the same Loch Raven campus.

The Baltimore VA Rehabilitation & Extended Care Center specializes in providing rehabilitation and post-acute care for patients in the VA Maryland Health Care System. The center coordinates the delivery of rehabilitation services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, kinesiotherapy and recreation therapy, to achieve the highest level of recovery and independence for Maryland's veterans. The center also provides hospice and nursing home care to veterans requiring non-acute inpatient care, in addition to offering specialized treatment for patients with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

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